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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,
INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF
APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE
SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Bossuyt, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Eide,
Mrs. Gwanmesia, Mr. Limón Rojas, Mr. Maxim and Ms. Palley:
draft resolution

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of
Minorities,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including the most recent,
resolution 1993/14 of 23 August 1993, calling for an end to the violation of
human rights by the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Recalling also relevant resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights,
including the most recent, resolution 1994/73 of 9 March 1994, as well as those
of the General Assembly, including the most recent, resolution 48/145 of
20 December 1993,

Deeply concerned at extensive and continuing human rights violations by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including arbitrary and summary executions, torture and inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment, arbitrary arrests and imprisonment, unexplained disappearances, the absence of guarantees essential for the protection of the right to a fair trial and disregard for freedom of expression and freedom of religion,

Shocked by the systematic repression of the Baha'i community and at the situation of the Iranian Kurds and the Arab minority in Iran, and at increasing intolerance towards Christians, including recent murders of Christian religious ministers,

Appalled at the continued repression of women in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the practice of gender-based discrimination and the use of unacceptable and unjustifiable means of punishment,

Aware of the mounting concern expressed by the authorities of a number of States at the involvement in, and support for, international terrorism by the Islamic Republic of Iran, causing the loss of many lives, and the call by those authorities for action against the aforesaid Republic,

Reaffirming that Governments are accountable for attacks by their agents against persons on the territory of another State, and also for inciting, approving or condoning such acts,

Welcoming the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights (E/CN.4/1994/50) and the decision of the Commission to continue the Special Representative's mandate,

Expressing its profound regret that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has refused to allow the Special Representative of the Commission to make a further visit to Iran,

Also regretting that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran refuses to implement existing agreements with international humanitarian organizations,

Affirming that human rights are universal and indivisible and that the violation of internationally recognized human rights standards cannot be justified by cultural or religious considerations,

1. Endorses the call by the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights for the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to address the issues covered in his report (E/CN.4/1994/50) and to take urgent and effective action to improve its record in the field of human rights;

2. Condemns the flagrant violations of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran which, as noted by the Special Representative of the Commission include:

- (a) Excessive use of the death penalty;
- (b) Numerous cases of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and punishment;
- (c) A failure to meet international standards with regard to due process and the administration of justice;
- (d) Religious discrimination, notably against the Baha'is and Christian individuals and groups;
- (e) Discrimination against women;
- (f) Restrictions on freedom of expression and freedom of opinion and undue limitation of freedom of the press;
- (g) The use of excessive force in suppressing public demonstrations, as at Ghazvin, followed in some cases by execution without due process of persons involved in such demonstrations, notably at Zahedan;

3. Demands that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran cease forthwith any involvement in or toleration of murder and State-sponsored terrorism against Iranians living abroad and the nationals of other States;

4. Also demands that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran withdraw its support for and condoning of repeated threats to the lives of persons of whose opinions, writings or publications it disapproves;

5. Calls upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate with the judicial authorities in countries around the world which are investigating incidents of international terrorism, and in particular to return for trial in Switzerland two persons accused of the murder of Professor Kazem Rajavi who were returned to Iran and who are sought by the Swiss judicial authorities;

6. Urges the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to comply with all current international norms in the field of human rights, including in particular those contained in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which the Islamic Republic of Iran is a party;

7. Strongly supports the view of the Commission on Human Rights that the international monitoring of the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran should be continued;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to keep the Sub-Commission informed of relevant reports and United Nations measures to prevent human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including, in particular, those concerning the situation of the Kurds and the Arab minority and the religious freedoms of the Baha'i and Christian communities in Iran;

9. Decides to consider further the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran at its forty-seventh session.
